

## LIGHT DEMAND FOR POTATOES THE RULE

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Chicago Price Levels Lower  
Chicago, Illinois—The potato market was much easier last week with a slow call coming and the price levels were on a considerably lower basis.

Operators reported that the demand for stock locally was very quiet and that there was a limited call coming from the trade territory. Real good stock that was free from field frost or frozen potatoes was in fair demand but damaged stock was a drug on the market and was hard to move at greatly reduced prices. The per centage of cars containing stock damaged by field-frost has been steadily decreasing and it is thought it will be pretty well cleaned up within a short time.

The receipts were somewhat lighter than they have been but were ample in view of the demand. One operator who is in very close touch with the Wisconsin situation said this week that it was his opinion that in the neighborhood of 70 per cent of the potatoes in that state were still in the growers' hands. The movement out would undoubtedly be heavier now were it not for the difficulty which shippers are having in obtaining cars. The car situation has shown little or no improvement but some are of the opinion that an adequate supply will be more easily obtainable from now on.

Operators account for the decreased demand by the fact that buyers have had so much trouble the past few weeks with damaged stock that they have simply shut off buying except for immediate requirements until such time as the damaged potatoes should be worked off.

Wednesday the market was easier with some Minnesota and Wisconsin white stock selling at \$1.85 @ 1.90 per cwt., field-frosted stuff moved very slowly as low as \$1.50 per cwt., but mostly around \$1.65 @ 1.70. Western stock was in fair demand with offerings from Colorado, Idaho and Washington moving at \$1.85 @ 2.15, according to Friday. Receipts were 75 cars.

The market was quiet on Friday owing to the cold, rainy weather. Prices showed no important change. Receipts were about 40 cars.

### Little Change in Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo.—There was but little improvement noticed in the local potato market last week. Receipts continued liberal, but the quality of the arrivals remained poor. It is estimated that hardly one car in each 10 to 15 was showing up free

from field frost. As a result a gradual decline in prices took place. Northern and Western white stock and early Ohio were quoted at \$1.75 @ 2.00 per cwt. sacked in carlots.

New York Market Lull  
New York City—The potato market here last week was very dull. The conditions are such that the trade can get no satisfaction at all out of the business and cannot explain why potatoes are not moving, except to say that the buyers are just simply not buying. The stocks around in the yards are not heavy—in fact they would be considered light under normal conditions. Prices are lower than last week and very few of the large buyers are buying for delivery.

Prices in the yards rule all the way from \$3.25 to \$4.25 per 180 lbs bulk. This covers potatoes from all sections and all qualities.

### St. Louis Prices Decline

St. Louis, Mo.—A much easier tone prevailed in the potato market last week, and prices are lower. Receipts are liberal and there is an over-supply for the indifferent call. Northern white potatoes sacked truck basis are selling at \$1.65 @ 2 per cwt., and Western stock at \$1.75 @ 2.25 per cwt.

### No Hoarding in California

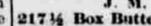
Stockton, California—Charges have been made against the Chinese potato growers, especially on Dacon Island that they are hoarding their potatoes in the ground in order to force up prices. H. U. Yip who has been acting as spokesman for the growers refutes the charges, calling attention of the San Joaquin County Council of Defense to the fact that they are laboring under a very severe shortage of cars, and that it costs more to leave the potatoes in the ground than to dig them.

### Packer Mentions Convention

The Packer, the national produce weekly, published in seven different cities of the United States gave the first annual convention of the Nebraska State Potato Association, held in Alliance on November 15th and 16th, some good publicity in its last week's issue. A representative of the Packer visited Alliance during the convention and secured some information for some good articles for his paper. This publicity helps to put Western Nebraska "on the potato map" and will help to increase the demand for potatoes from this district.

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## LIVESTOCK PRICES AT SOUTH OMAHA

Big Gain of Cattle; Fat Grades Steady; Feeders Lower  
HOGS SELL 15-20c LOWER

Liberal Receipts of Sheep and Lambs. Fat Stock Steady to 15@25c Lower—Feeder Grades Steady—Aged Stock in Good Demand at Full Last Week's Figures.

Union Stock Yards, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 27.—Cattle receipts were fair for a Monday, 16,000 head, and made up largely of range stock. Desirable beefs were fully steady, some corn-fed bring \$13.00. Butcher stock ruled steady to strong. Stockers and feeders were slow to unevenly lower.

Quotations on cattle: Prime heavy beefs, \$14.00@15.00; good to choice beefs, \$12.50@13.50; fair to good beefs, \$10.50@12.50; common to fair beefs, \$7.00@10.50; good to choice yearlings, \$14.00@15.00; fair to good yearlings, \$12.00@13.50; common to fair yearlings, \$6.50@11.00; prime heavy grass beefs, \$11.75@13.00; good to choice grass beefs, \$10.00@11.50; fair to good grass steers, \$9.00@10.00; common to fair grass steers, \$7.00@8.50; good to choice heifers, \$8.00@9.35; good to choice cows, \$7.75@9.25; fair to good cows, \$6.25@7.50; canners and cutters, \$5.25@6.00; veal calves, \$9.00@12.50; beef bulls, \$6.50@8.00; bologna bulls, \$5.50@6.50; prime feeder steers, \$11.50@12.50; good to choice feeders, \$9.50@11.25; fair to good feeders, \$8.00@9.50; good to choice stockers, \$8.75@10.50; fair to good stockers, \$7.25@8.50; common to fair grades, \$6.00@7.00; stock heifers, \$6.50@8.50; stock cows, \$6.00@7.50; stock calves, \$6.00@10.40.

### A 15@20c Decline in Hogs.

A liberal Monday's run of hogs showed up, 6,000 head, about a third of them pigs. Demand was slack and both packers and shippers paid prices that were 15@20c lower than Saturday. Choice butcher weights brought \$17.70, and the bulk of the trading was around \$17.50@17.75, 20c higher than a week ago. Stock pigs were 50c lower at \$17.00@18.25.

### A Lower Trade in Lambs.

Receipts of sheep and lambs were liberal, 16,000 head and quality fair. Trade was slow with prices steady to 15@25c lower on fat lambs. Aged stock as well as feeder grades met with an active demand at fully steady prices.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, fair to choice, \$16.00@17.00; lambs, feeders, \$17.00@18.25; lambs, shorn, \$13.50@15.00; lambs, culls, \$10.00@16.00; yearlings, fair to choice, \$11.50@13.25; yearlings, feeders, \$12.00@14.25; wethers, fair to choice, \$11.00@12.50; ewes, fair to choice, \$9.25@11.50; ewes, breeders, all ages, \$10.50@16.50; ewes, feeders, \$7.50@10.75; ewes, culls and canners, \$5.00@7.25.

### Second Garden of Eden.

It is said by scientists that Mesopotamia may, by the application of modern agriculture, be made into another Garden of Eden.

### Not Much Required.

The newspaper which succeeded in getting the following paragon would be lucky. Yet it is probable that there were applicants who believed they could come up to sample: "Subscriber—Suag, up-to-date man wanted for a leading weekly journal. Must be a man of initiative with a nose for good 'copy,' with practical knowledge of printing and publishing routine and capable of making up, passing for and seeing through the press. Office hours—daybreak till midnight. Salary—whatever he is worth. No conventional 'fleet streeters' or any unappreciated journalistic geniuses need apply. Must be a man of the world, with a wide human sympathy, with no 'kinks'—either moral, political or artistic—with a firm faith in the inherent goodness of mankind and the policy of making the best possible use of this life as a sound preparation for the next. Must always wear a smile—but never a snigger. Dress optional. Must treat his work as one continuous holiday. It will pay any man, answering to these conditions, to relinquish any other interest and secure the post."—London Tit-Bits.

### To Detect Butter Substitutes.

The simplest household test for the detection of butterine, oleomargarine and their kindred preparations is known as the boiling process, and is conducted as follows: Put a piece of the sample to be tested about the size of a small chestnut in an ordinary tablespoon and heat it (cover the gas jet usually) until it melts, hastening the process by continually stirring it with a splinter of wood or a match. Then bring it to as brisk a boil as possible, and after the boiling has begun stir the contents of the spoon thoroughly, not neglecting the outer edges two or three times at intervals during the boiling, always shortly before the boiling ceases. Oleomargarine, butterine, and renovated butter boil noisily, spluttering (more or less) like a mixture of grease and water when boiled, and produce no foam, or but very little, while genuine butter boils usually with less noise and produces an abundance of foam.

Some fine Photos of the Indians on Post Cards, 5c each, at The Alliance Art Studio.

## THE MINE

By LOUISE OLIVER.

SEPTEMBER 2.  
Left the office early to day to pack. Am now on the Chicago Limited speeding west at the rate of sixty miles an hour on a wild goose chase—or rather, a wild Indian chase. But I'll explain later. Am going to turn in now.

SEPTEMBER 3.  
Have read all the magazines, so I may as well jot down a few facts to clear up the case in my own mind. Beside, my sister, and Max Thorn got married and went west to live on a ranch. After they'd made good as far as the farm went and settled themselves to live in peace some fool discovered gold on the edge of their land. That started the trouble. It seems they bought it from an Indian—one George Blackrock—who had graduated from Carlisle and became the protégé of Midas Mills, millionaire stock broker. Mills helped Blackrock to make money and the Indian managed to buy back some of the land that once belonged to his own people. He divided the estate and sold Max half. Then he married a white girl, built a house and should have been happy. But they say he has a daughter seventeen or eighteen years old he's crazy about, and since the gold has been discovered he's making all kinds of trouble. Claims a wrong survey and all that. So here's where I come in. It's my pleasant duty to stand up and tell this Indian that he'd better get off and keep moving.

SEPTEMBER 12.  
Things are getting interesting at the mine. Max has a new foreman, Justice Belvardos, a Mexican. They struck a rich new vein and they are importing another gang to work it. This morning one of the canvas bags Max keeps his dust in was stolen. While reconnoitering on the ridge today I caught a glimpse of the Indian girl hurrying away through the scrub oaks. I wonder if Indian George knows anything of the missing bag.

SEPTEMBER 15.  
Another bag gone! Belvardos blames the Indian, and strangely enough I saw the girl again. I'm going to investigate tomorrow. Note—The girl is pretty. I got a closer view of her this time. I'd like to see her again.

SEPTEMBER 16.  
Snooped around all day and didn't see a thing until on my way home. Across a wild ravine I spied smoke among the trees. Field glasses showed a small tent or wigwam. Almost dark, so I came home. I'm going tomorrow.

SEPTEMBER 25.  
It's a week since I've written anything in my diary, but events happened so quick and fast that day and wound up by my getting hurt that I haven't been able to hold a pen. I'm better now, and— But I'll go back. Found tent. No one answered my polite knock, so I lifted the latch and walked in. There were two cots nicely made and covered with Indian blankets, a board floor with a blanket for a rug, a table, two willow chairs and fixings everywhere that no man would think of.

This was a sort of rest room for daughter. Then the gold bags occurred to me. If daughter had taken them, perhaps they were secreted here. I would search! The floor seemed to be the most likely place, so in a second I was down on my knees rolling back the rug and feeling for a loose board. Suddenly there was a crack of a gun and I felt a sharp pain in my left side.

When I regained my senses it was sunset and I was lying on one of the cots in the little Indian tent all bandaged up and feeling hot and thirsty. Then the pretty Indian girl came in. She gave me a cup of water and held my head while I drank. "How do you feel now?" she asked in the richest, sweetest voice you ever heard.

"Just great!" I found voice to say, and I felt like adding, "I wouldn't mind staying this way forever."

"Who shot me?" I asked.

She sobered. "I'm not sure, for I didn't see," she answered. "You'd better ask Erma."

"Who is Erma?"

"Erma Blackrock. My friend!"

"So there are two of you? I thought you were George Blackrock's daughter."

She laughed. "No, I'm Margaret Mills. Erma and I were schoolmates." Mills! I was puzzled. Then I remembered Midas Mills. But I was more puzzled than ever. This girl was certainly an Indian with her complexion, eyes and hair.

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Beware of Closed Mind. Beware of the closed mind. This sounds like a paradox when addressed to young men, yet it will, I think, bear examination. It is a truism to say that the danger of maturity, and especially of age, is the closing of the mind to new ideas. Habit, most powerful of influences, hard experience, the very passage of the years, all allude to stiffen the muscles and to harden the arteries of the mind as they do those of the body. It is a misfortune with which advancing age must struggle, and the effort is severe and often either neglected or fruitless.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
State of Nebraska, Box Butte County ss.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Ferdinand Trenkle, Deceased.  
I, Ira E. Tash, County Judge of Box Butte county, Nebraska, hereby notify all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Ferdinand Trenkle that I have set and appointed the 28th day of March, 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the County Court room in Alliance, for the examination of all claims against the estate of said decedent with a view to their allowance and payment.

All persons interested as creditors of the said estate will present their claims to me at said time, or show cause for not so doing, and in case any claims are not so presented by said time they shall be forever barred.

This notice shall be served by publication thereof for four consecutive weeks in The Alliance Herald, a newspaper published in Alliance, prior to the day of hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court this 21st day of November, 1917.  
IRA E. TASH, County Judge.  
(Seal.)  
Burton & Reddish, Attorneys.  
54-4-866-824.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
In the County Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska.  
In the matter of the Estate of Hiram Bentley Hoppock, Deceased.  
Notice to all persons interested in said estate is hereby given that Mattie Hoppock, administratrix of said estate, will meet the creditors of said estate at the county court room in the city of Alliance, Box Butte county, Nebraska, on the 20th day of March, 1918, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of hearing, adjustment and allowance of claims against said estate. All persons having claims or demands against said estate must file the same in the said court on or before the 20th day of March, 1918, or all claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 17th day of November, 1917.  
IRA E. TASH, County Judge.  
(Seal.)  
Lee Bayse, Attorney.  
51-5t-865-823.

## MARKET DAY SALES TO BE HELD HERE

Col. J. M. Martin Will Hold First Sale at Lester's Sales Barn on December Eighth

Col. J. M. Martin, the Minatare auctioneer, was in Alliance last Friday and made arrangements to hold a Market Day Sale at Alliance on Saturday, December eighth. The sale will begin at two o'clock p. m. and will be held at Lester's sales barn, near the depot.

Those having live stock, household goods or anything else to sell are invited to bring them to this sale.

Col. Martin expects to hold market day sales in Alliance every two weeks. He is now conducting similar sales in neighboring towns with very good success.

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